

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Hon'ble NGT orders - Constitution of committee to ascertain illegal mining in Sy.No.213 & 104 of Muddanapalle Village, Santhipuram Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh - Serious threat to the ecological balance and wildlife and also resulting in depletion of forest cover – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.34

Dated.07.05.2022

Read the following:-

- 1) Affidavit in OA No.41 of 2022 (SZ) filed by Sri Gownivaari Srinivasulu, Chittoor District before the Hon'ble NGT (SZ) at Chennai, dt.14.03.2022.
- 2) Orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai in OA No.41 of 2022 dated.07.04.2022.
- 3) The PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15033/3/2022-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dt.21.04.2022.
- 4) Orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai in OA No.41 of 2022 dated.22.04.2022.

ORDER:

Sri Gownivaari Srinivasulu, Chittoor District has filed an application/affidavit in O.A.No.41/2022 (SZ) before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai, alleging illegal quarrying or removal of granite over an extent of Ac.180.240 in Sy.No.213 and over an extent of Acres 252.665 in Sy.No.104 of Muddanapalle Village, Santhipuram Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, is causing serious threat to the ecological balance and wildlife and also resulting in depletion of forest cover. It is also mentioned that the Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is within the Chittoor District spreading from Bangarupalem to Palamaner and Kuppam which is also being affected by the above said illegal activities.

2. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai in its orders in the 2nd read above, given directions to the 2nd respondent/Department of Mines and Geology, 4th respondent / Department of Environment, Forests, Science & Technology and the 6th respondent / District Collector, Chittoor District to furnish a detailed report after due inspection of the area where illegal mining is alleged, within a period of two weeks.

3. In compliance to the above directions, in the letter read 3rd above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has submitted a detailed stating the legal status of revenue land in Sy.No.213 & 104 of Muddanapalle Village is recorded as "ADAVI" in revenue records and it is under the administrative control of Revenue Department. The said lands are neither a notified Reserved Forests nor Protected Forests and they do not form part of Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary. However, the land is recorded as "Adavi/Forest", the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will apply and prior approval of the Central Government is mandatory for use of such forest areas for non-forest purposes.

4. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai, in its orders in the 3rd read above, given directions to the 1st respondent – Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh, 4th respondent – Department of Environment, Forests, Science and Technology to file a report after making spot inspection and scientifically measuring and illegal mining done there. Further, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has also ordered to submit the names of the violators and the action taken against them.

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5. In compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai, and after careful examination of the issue, Government hereby constitute a Committee with the following to submit the report on all the points mentioned in the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal orders dated 07.04.2022 and 22.04.2022 before 09.05.2022 for filing a comprehensive report before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.

1. Collector, Chittoor District	-	Member
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West, Chittoor	-	Member
3. Regional Officer, A.P. Pollution Control Board	-	Member
4. Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Palamaner	-	Member

6. The District Collector, Chittoor shall take necessary action accordingly on priority and submit the report to Government before 09.05.2022.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The District Collector, Chittoor District.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West, Chittoor.

The Regional Officer, A.P. Pollution Control Board.

The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Palamaner.

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

The Member Secretary, APPCB, Vijayawada.

The Director of Mines & Geology, Vijayawada.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

N. Jagadeeswar
SECTION OFFICER